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COUNTRY East Germany

REPORT

TOPIC Military Information from Rostock

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EVALUATION

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11 December 1953.

REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. From 15 October to 7 November, about 1,000 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery, motor transport and signal insignia were quartered in the Putlitz Kaserne in Rostock. On 19 October, four 57-mm AT guns and three half-track vehicles were in front of the gun storage sheds. [redacted] half-track vehicles, and in the sheds, eight trucks and several 57-mm AT guns. On 7 November, 400 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets, who had participated in a ceremony at the Soviet cemetery, entered the barracks. [redacted]

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A board fence, 2.5 meters high, was constructed around the installation which had been surrounded by iron rods.

2. From 15 October to 7 November, the barracks installation on Ulmen Strasse still quartered about 800 men including about 650 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and some signal insignia and 180 sailors. On 7 November, a band of about 14 men, 180 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets and 15 sailors returned from the cemetery. [redacted]

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3. From 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on 7 November, a ceremony held at the Soviet cemetery involved about 80 officers, about 700 men wearing mainly red-bordered black epaulets and about 180 sailors. [redacted]

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Motor vehicles observed leaving the cemetery included truck [redacted] which was occupied by about 20 men wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. [redacted] Each of these trucks was occupied by about 20 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets.²

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1. [redacted] Comment. The two barracks installations in Rostock are still occupied as prior to mid-October 1953. [redacted]

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